

General Vehicle Information

Vehicle Registration

All service members and civilian employees working aboard Naval District Washington must register their vehicles with the Pass and ID Office. To obtain a DOD decal for your vehicle the following items are required: 1) vehicle registration; 2) A written statement authorizing the operator to use the vehicle, if the operator is not the owner; 3) valid driver's license; 4) proof of insurance; 5) NDW badge or military ID; 6) for motorcycle registration, in addition to items one through five, the driver's license must contain a motorcycle endorsement and the operator must present proof of completion of an acceptable motorcycle safety course, as discussed under "motorcycles" below. Parking passes will not be issued for motorcycles.

Operators License

You may operate a vehicle with a valid driver's license either issued by the state in which your automobile is registered or the state in which you reside. Family members may operate a vehicle with a valid driver's license issued by the state they are from.

Vehicle Insurance

Motor vehicle liability insurance is required in an amount not lower than the minimum limit prescribed by the state in which your vehicle is insured. Any vehicle that does not meet the states requirements will be denied registration.

Motorcycles

All military personnel who ride a motorcycle at any time, on or off a DOD facility, must successfully complete a Naval District Washington approved motorcycle safety course that includes a "hands-on" segment. All DOD civilian personnel who wish to ride a motorcycle on a DOD facility must also complete such a course. Information on the course may be obtained by calling (202) 433-6980. Courses are offered on an "as-needed" basis, generally once a month from March through October. Special arrangements may be made to accommodate riders between November and February, if there is sufficient demand, on a case by- case basis.

The Navy Traffic Safety Program requires that motorcycle headlights be turned on at all times while the motorcycle is being operated on base, except where prohibited by military mission or Status of Forces agreements. Government or private motorcycles must be equipped with a rear view mirror mounted on each side of the handlebars or fairing. For more information on motorcycle safety courses visit

www.cnic.navy.mil/ndw/Programs/Safety/MotorcycleSafety/index.htm

Traffic Rules

The speed limit on military bases is 20 mph, 5 mph in parking garages, unless otherwise posted and is enforced by roving police patrols equipped with radar.

Seat belts are required at all times while driving on base. Parking of motor vehicles is authorized only in those areas/spaces designated for parking. If a vehicle operator, military or civilian, is stopped by Security Police for a traffic violation or routine identification check, full cooperation with the patrol officer or gate guard is required, and all requested identification must be produced. Pedestrians in crosswalks have the right of way; however, they should not step into crosswalks in the path of approaching vehicles when such action would require emergency braking on the part of the vehicle operator.

Pedestrians must consider surface road conditions prior to entering the crosswalk. When driving in the parking garages, always keep your headlights on, and slow down on curves.

Talking on a cell phone while driving in Washington, D.C., and on Navy installations without use of a hands-free device, is illegal.

Navy Yard Parking

Handicapped parking on the Washington Navy Yard is pooled. This means that anyone with a valid Naval District Washington handicapped parking permit can park in any Washington Navy Yard handicapped parking space. Short-term visitors to the Navy Yard who have a valid visitors pass and a valid state-issued handicapped permit may also park in handicapped spaces during their visit to the Yard. Normal procedures are to tow those cars parked in handicapped spaces without a valid handicapped permit. Handicapped spaces have the large handicapped symbol painted in the space.

All reserved spaces are painted red and labeled reserved with a number assigned to the space. This parking is for Flag Officers, SESs, Washington Navy Yard residents and car/van pools. Washington Navy Yard executive pool spaces are painted green and labeled "Exec Pool." Washington Navy Yard employee parking spaces are painted white. A Washington Navy Yard parking permit is required to park in the white spaces. To obtain a WNY permit you must have: a completed NSAW Parking/Decal application; military, civilian or contractor ID; proof of WNY employment; valid driver's license; proof of vehicle insurance; valid registration.

General visitor's parking is in the W-166 parking lot, accessed via the O St. gate.

For all NDW installations, please call that installation's visitor center or security police prior to arrival at the installation to find out about their parking requirements.